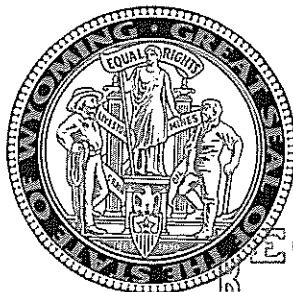


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**Help America Vote Act (HAVA)
Narrative Report
For submission February 28, 2005**

An update regarding Wyoming's state HAVA plan was provided to the public twice during calendar year 2004 and is posted on the Wyoming Secretary of State website. Those documents are attached to provide an overview of Wyoming's progress toward implementation of the state HAVA plan and to give a narrative account of expenditure of federal HAVA funds. In addition, attached is Form 269 which gives a financial account of expended and remaining Title I funds as required at this time.

Wyoming just completed its first single audit financial review of HAVA and received a favorable review.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature of Joseph B. Meyer]
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Wyoming Secretary of State

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FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT
(Long Form)

(Follow instructions on the back)

1. Federal Agency and Organizational Element to Which Report is Submitted U.S. Election Assistance Commission		2. Federal Grant or Other Identifying Number Assigned By Federal Agency Help America Vote Act		OMB Approval No. 0348-0039	Page of 1 2 pages
3. Recipient Organization (Name and complete address, including ZIP code) Wyoming Secretary of State 200 West 24th, Room 106, Cheyenne, WY 82002					
4. Employer Identification Number [REDACTED]		5. Recipient Account Number or Identifying Number [REDACTED]		6. Final Report <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
7. Basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual					
8. Funding/Grant Period (See instructions) From: (Month, Day, Year) 4/24/2003		To: (Month, Day, Year)		9. Period Covered by this Report From: (Month, Day, Year) 1/1/2004	
				To: (Month, Day, Year) 12/31/2004	
10. Transactions:					
		I Previously Reported	II This Period	III Cumulative	
a. Total outlays		24,957.78	49,021.57	73,979.35	
b. Refunds, rebates, etc.				0.00	
c. Program income used in accordance with the deduction alternative			15,257.91	15,257.91	
d. Net outlays (Line a, less the sum of lines b and c)		24,957.78	33,763.66	58,721.44	
Recipient's share of net outlays, consisting of:					
e. Third party (in-kind) contributions				0.00	
f. Other Federal awards authorized to be used to match this award				0.00	
g. Program income used in accordance with the matching or cost sharing alternative				0.00	
h. All other recipient outlays not shown on lines e, f or g				0.00	
i. Total recipient share of net outlays (Sum of lines e, f, g and h)		0.00	0.00	0.00	
j. Federal share of net outlays (line d less line i)		24,957.78	33,763.66	59,163.66	
k. Total unliquidated obligations					
l. Recipient's share of unliquidated obligations					
m. Federal share of unliquidated obligations					
n. Total Federal share (sum of lines j and m)				59,163.66	
o. Total Federal funds authorized for this funding period				5,000,000.00	
p. Unobligated balance of Federal funds (Line o minus line n)				4,980,931.28	
Program income, consisting of:					
q. Disbursed program income shown on lines c and/or g above					
r. Disbursed program income using the addition alternative					
s. Undisbursed program income					
t. Total program income realized (Sum of lines q, r and s)				0.00	
11. Indirect Expense					
a. Type of Rate (Place "X" in appropriate box) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provisional <input type="checkbox"/> Predetermined <input type="checkbox"/> Final <input type="checkbox"/> Fixed					
b. Rate		c. Base	d. Total Amount	e. Federal Share	
12. Remarks: Attach any explanations deemed necessary or information required by Federal sponsoring agency in compliance with governing legislation. Please see attached.					
13. Certification: I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that this report is correct and complete and that all outlays and unliquidated obligations are for the purposes set forth in the award documents.					
Typed or Printed Name and Title Patricia O'Brien Arp, Deputy Secretary of State			Telephone (Area code, number and extension) 307 777-5333		
Signature of Authorized Certifying Official <i>[Signature]</i>			Date Report Submitted February 24, 2005		

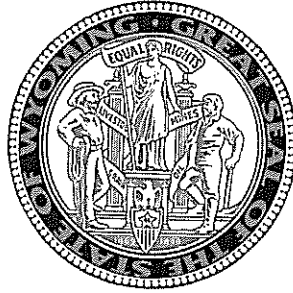
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Update Regarding Wyoming State HAVA Plan January 2005

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The State of Wyoming continues to proceed toward implementation of HAVA. Information is provided regarding a number of state implementation issues.

Computerized, statewide voter registration list. As discussed in the August 2004 Update, Wyoming with the assistance of a voter registration work group, which consisted of county clerks, county election officials, technology staff and Secretary of State staff, chose a vendor in fall 2003 and began implementation of a computerized, statewide voter registration and election management system in February 2004. The project is well underway. The vendor, Accenture e-Democracy Services completed the on-site technical survey of all 23 counties. Designs for interfacing with the Department of Transportation, Division of Vital Records, Division of Criminal Investigation and the Board of Parole are nearing completion. The design and programming for conversion of county voter registration and election management information is nearly complete. Purchasing and configuration of hosting site equipment is underway. Upon completion and configuration of the software package, intensive testing of the product will begin and roll out schedules will be finalized. The voter registration workgroup and Secretary of State's Office continues to work in partnership on this project.

Payments. Wyoming has received no further funding since the August 2004 Update, so receipts thus far are approximately \$16.5 million in federal funds and \$750,000 in state matching funds.

Voting Systems. Wyoming is starting the process of determining its course regarding voting systems. Once again the Secretary of State is proceeding in partnership with the Wyoming County Clerks Association. In addition, a Public Overview Committee has been established by the Secretary of State to provide public input and public transparency to the equipment and voting system selection process. The Public Overview Committee has representation from the League of Women Voters, the media, County Commissioners Association, major political parties, senior citizens, the military, Protection and Advocacy Services, Inc.

Additional aspects of Wyoming's HAVA progress. As reported in the August 2004 Update, Wyoming initially received \$100,000 Health and Human Services, Election Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities (HHS-EAID) funds. All of the projects funded with those funds are complete. The state has been approved for another allotment of \$100,000. Applications for those funds will be available soon and projects funded with

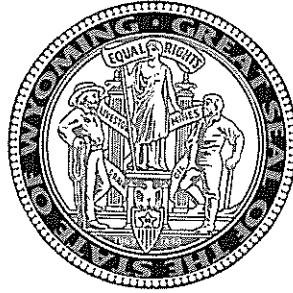
"Round 2" monies are anticipated to be underway by spring, completed by summer 05. In addition to the HAVA related legislation passed during the Wyoming Legislative Session 2004, there are two bills currently before the Wyoming Legislature: SF 70 Election Code Amendments, which contains some HAVA related language; and SF 80 Help America Vote Trust Fund. The 2005 Legislative Session will end on or about March 3, 2005.

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Update Regarding Wyoming State HAVA Plan August 2004

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The State of Wyoming has made considerable progress toward compliance with HAVA, Title III. Each aspect of the State Plan is addressed below:

- **Voting System Standards.** Wyoming has conducted a survey of voting equipment currently in use and has gathered considerable information from the County Clerks Association work group. In addition, county clerks from all counties which must replace equipment have gathered to discuss replacement issues. However, Wyoming has been waiting, and still awaits, the recommendation by the National Institute on Standards and Technology (NIST) and the guidelines from the Election Assistance Commission (EAC).
- **Provisional Voting.** Wyoming's statutes now provide for provisional voting. Both rules and a guidebook, *What's New for 2004? Election Administration Handbook*, will provide guidance in using provisional ballots as needed for the 2004 elections.
- **Voting Information.** A work group comprised of county clerks, the staff of Protection and Advocacy System Inc. and Secretary of State staff has designed a voting information poster which will be available for every polling place for the 2004 elections. In addition, Wyoming statutes provide for other dissemination of information to the public, including proclamations in newspapers of general circulation, posting of ballots for review, distribution of voter information and information pertaining to ballot issues.
- **Computerized, statewide voter registration list.** Wyoming has made considerable progress toward implementation of the statewide voter registration list. With the assistance of a voter registration work group, which consisted of county clerks, county elections officials, technology staff and Secretary of State staff, the state has chosen a vendor to implement, host and maintain the statewide voter registration list. A contract for the project has been signed. The company, Accenture e-Democracy, has staff in Wyoming and county site surveys and data conversion is underway. Expected completion date is late summer, early fall 2005, well before the 2006 deadline.
- **Payments.** Wyoming has received \$16.5 million in federal HAVA funds and was appropriated \$750,000 in state funds, which will be used as the state match for Title II funds. Title I, Title II and state matching funds will all be kept in separate accounts as required for accounting purposes.

• **Voter Education, Election Official Education and Training, and Poll Worker Training.**

Wyoming has begun its training efforts. A statewide conference was held highlighting *What's New for 2004? Election Administration Handbook*. The conference was well attended and all counties were represented. In addition, Secretary of State staff and a number of county clerks have attended national meetings pertaining to HAVA issues including voting systems, voter registration, and accessibility. The *Wyoming Election Judges Handbook* produced and distributed by the Secretary of State's Office was rewritten to reflect the changes needed to properly implement HAVA. The Secretary of State's Office partnered with the Wyoming Press Association to offer a HAVA training session at the Wyoming Press Association's annual statewide meeting. Although much has been, and is being, done in regards to voter education, election official education and training, and poll worker training, much lies ahead after the selection and deployment of replacement voting equipment.

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• **Performance Goals.** Thus far Wyoming has met its basic performance goals, including implementation of provisional voting which meets the requirements of HAVA and implementation of a state-based complaint procedure which also meets the requirements of HAVA. Beyond this, Wyoming was successful in passing a legislative bill which addressed most other HAVA issues except voting systems (2004, Senate File 0047, Enrolled Act 22).

• **Additional aspects of Wyoming's State Plan.** In addition to those issues required to be addressed in states' plans, Wyoming chose to address the issues of universal access and voting rights of military members and overseas citizens. Wyoming applied for and was approved for \$100,00 Health and Human Services, Election Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities (HHS-EAID) funds. Counties were involved in determining the use of such funds to improve polling place accessibility and to otherwise assist individuals with disabilities to fully participate in the election process. All of these HHS-EAID projects are complete. The State of Wyoming just recently applied for a second round of HHS - EAID funds has been approved for another allotment of \$100,000. Wyoming continues to acknowledge the value of our members of the armed forces and overseas workers and continues to encourage them to exercise their right of citizenship by voting. Wyoming formed a military and overseas work group consisting of representatives of the county clerks, the military, and Secretary of State's Office. Pertinent statutes were amended, procedures to assist military voters were discussed at the statewide conference, and the Secretary of State's Office was designated as the one central point of initial contact for military and overseas voters.